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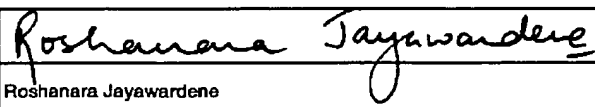
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The above case was filed on August 22, 2003. Applicants respectfully request information as to when the first office action should be expected.

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